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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, at 2 p.m.

Senate

MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2010

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable MARK R. WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, center of our hope, You have given us this day for our use. From the rising of the Sun until the setting of the same, Your Name deserves our praise.

Today, bless our lawmakers with Your guidance and peace. Give them hope and purpose as they labor on Capitol Hill, reminding them that their steps are ordered by You and that You won't withhold from them any good thing. Show them that righteousness is the true measure of national greatness and that sin will destroy any nation or people. Lord, encourage them to wisely use their time to contribute to the quality of life in our Nation and in our world.

We pray in Your sovereign Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable MARK R. WARNER led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication

to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, August 2, 2010.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK R. WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUE,
President pro tempore.

Mr. WARNER thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following leader remarks, there will be a period of morning business until 3 p.m. with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to concur to H.R. 1586, which is the legislative vehicle for FMAP and education funding. The time from 5:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. will be controlled between the leaders or their designees, with the majority leader controlling the final 15 minutes. At 5:45 p.m., the Senate will proceed to a rollcall vote on that matter.

I have completed a meeting with the Republican leader and we are working to find a way to complete our work this week. We are going to have that vote tonight. There will be a consent agreement to move to take care of the Cobell, Pigford funding matter. That will be after we vote tonight.

We are going to start the Kagan nomination in the morning. I haven't had the chance to call the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Senator LEAHY, and I am sure Senator MCCONNELL hasn't had a chance to call Senator SESSIONS because we just completed our meeting, but we should be ready to start that early in the morning.

Interspersed between that debate, we have other things we want to accomplish. We are going to have competing energy bills that we will set up a time to have debate on, and we will have competing cloture votes on those two measures—the Democratic and Republican energy issues that we have put into bills for a vote prior to the recess.

There is a consent agreement that the Republicans are looking at dealing with child nutrition. It is my understanding that both Senator LINCOLN and Ranking Member CHAMBLISS have signed off on that agreement.

We also have to work on the Defense authorization bill. We are trying to see a path forward on that so debate can start on that as soon as we get back in September. But we want a path for that to be accomplished. We have a number of nominations at which we are also looking.

So I think I have covered about everything we have to work on this week, which is quite a bit. But with each of

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